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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 835

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. John B. Nichols, Jr.,
of Blount County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the death of Mr. John B. Nichols, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, John Nichols, Jr., was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a Blount County native, Mr. Nichols was a highly respected and greatly admired member of the community; and

WHEREAS, from 1950-53, John Nichols answered his patriotic call to duty by rendering admirable service in the U.S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols also gave 32 years of his life as a valued employee of the Bank of Maryville and the First Tennessee Bank; and

WHEREAS, John Nichols served with acumen and alacrity as a Blount County Trustee for ten years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and supervisors alike for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual, Mr. Nichols donated his time and incredible talents to a number of noteworthy community organizations, including the Little River Railroad and Lumber Company Museum, of which he served as a past president; the Maryville-Alcoa Civitan Club, as a member for 40 years; and the Blount County Chamber of Commerce, serving as vice-chair of the Governmental Council; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding public servant and a great friend of the community, John Nichols was installed as the president of the Tennessee County Trustee Association in November of last year. He was previously named East Tennessee Trustee of the Year by the County Officials Association of Tennessee and was honored by the Blount County Commission for his dedicated service to the good people of Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols worshipped the Lord as an active and devout member of the St. Francis Catholic Church, where he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, John Nichols was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John Nichols enjoyed the loving companionship of the former Sue Carol Thomason and was the proud father of Wendell Thomason, Timothy Thomason, Anthony Thomason, Tammy Thomason Krupnick, John Paul Nichols, and Rebekah Nichols; and

WHEREAS, he leaves behind to cherish his memory his 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nichols leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Mr. John B. Nichols, Jr., reflecting fondly

upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our most sincere condolences to the family of Mr. John Nichols.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.